

## Heavy Vehicle National Law Review Workshop: Fundamentals

Melbourne  
Thursday, 21 November 2019

The second Heavy Vehicle National Law Review policy solutions workshop took place in Melbourne on Thursday 21 November 2019.

More than 30 industry and government stakeholders participated in discussions about fundamentals of the law to inform options for inclusion in the regulation impact statement (RIS) due for release in early 2020.

The day opened with a panel discussion about important considerations for the RIS, to stimulate thinking about systems components for the future law. The NTC put forward potential options for assessment; these options were the subject of two workshop sessions in the afternoon.



### Panel discussion

#### Panellists:

- Mr Paul Salter – Director – Regulation, Road Safety and Evaluation, Policy and Reform Division, Department of Transport Victoria
- Dr Natalie Pelham – Executive Director, Transport Policy, Customer Strategy & Technology, Transport for NSW
- Mr Sal Petrocchio – CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Mr Andrew Ethell – Expert panel member

#### Topics discussed:

- The objectives / objects of the HVNL
- Duties and duty holders in the law
- Safety management systems
- Interactions with other laws (e.g. WHS)
- Ministerial directions to the regulator, regulator powers
- How the future law could be constructed

### Workshop session 1 – Omissions, oversight, duties and productivity

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The aim of the workshop sessions was to identify factors the NTC should consider when assessing policy options.

**Areas covered:**

- Productivity as an object of the law
- Structure and oversight
- Duties and duty holders
- Other matters / omissions relating to fundamentals of the law



### Workshop session 2 – System design

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Participants moved between four table discussions about how the fundamentals of the future law might be put together as a system.

**System components in the future law:**

- General and specific duties
- Safety management system requirements
- Accreditation requirements or options in the law
- Operator enrolment with some degree of 'permissioning'
- Other component parts



### Next steps

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- Workshop 3 – Brisbane, 2 December (Building blocks of the law)
- Workshop 4 – Brisbane, 3 December (Vehicles and access)
- Preparation of Regulation Impact Statement (early 2020)
- Consultation on Regulation Impact Statement (mid 2020)
- Recommendations to ministers (November 2020)

### Get involved

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For more information on what we have heard about fundamentals for a better HVNL, visit: <https://hvnireview.ntc.gov.au/fundamentals>

We have also published [suggested policy options](#) for feedback. We invite you to suggest policy options or provide feedback on the suggested policy options already published.

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Australian Logistics Council

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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (Cth)

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (SA)

Department of State Growth (Tas)

Department of Transport and Main Roads (Qld)

Department of Transport Victoria

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